

Finding Aid of 33MSS-105: Milford J. Baum Papers, 1897 – 2003

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Descriptive Summary

Repository:	Outer Banks History Center
Creator:	Baum Family
Title:	33MSS-105 Milford J. Baum Papers, 1897 - 2003
Language of the Materials:	Materials in English
Location:	For current information on the location of these materials, please consult the Outer Banks History Center
Abstract:	<p>Milford Josephus Baum (1906-2006) was the son of Lloyd Curtis and Annie Frost Baum of Poplar Branch, North Carolina. Milford Baum served in the U. S. Army during World War II, rising to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. After his discharge in 1946, Baum went to work with the Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company (A & P), eventually becoming vice-president of the A & P Produce Division, middle west division. He retired in 1966 and returned to Currituck County, settling in Aydlett, where he operated a farm that he referred to as "Baum Shelter." He was also a member of the Currituck County Planning Board. An aviation enthusiast, he later became president of the First Flight Society and was instrumental in the planning of the celebration of the 75th anniversary of the Wright brothers first flight.</p> <p>The Milford J. Baum Papers contain materials related to the Baum family, as well as the First Flight Society and the 75th Anniversary of the First Flight Celebration. Included in the collection is correspondence, newspaper clippings, and photographs.</p>
Extent:	1.03 cubic feet

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Historical Note

The Baum family has a long history of living on North Carolina's Outer Banks. The family can trace its roots back to the early 1700s and owned extensive property in Currituck and surrounding counties. Milford Josephus Baum (1906-2006) was one of five children born to Lloyd Curtis and Annie Frost Baum of Poplar Branch, North Carolina, located in Currituck County. Milford Baum served in the U. S. Army during World War II, rising to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. After his discharge in 1946, Baum went to work with the Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company (A & P), eventually becoming vice-president of the A & P Produce Division, middle west division. He retired in 1966 and returned to Currituck County, settling in Aydlett, where he operated a farm that he referred to as "Baum Shelter." He served on the Currituck County Planning Board. An aviation enthusiast, he later became president of the First Flight Society and was instrumental in the planning of the celebration of the 75th anniversary of the Wright brothers first flight.

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Collection Overview

The Milford J. Baum Papers contain materials related to the Baum family, with the majority of them pertaining to Milford Baum or close relatives. Many of the papers also contain information on the First Flight Society and the celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the First Flight. Included in the collection is correspondence, newspaper clippings, and photographs.

Collection Arrangement

This collection is arranged into two main series: Baum Family Papers and First Flight Society Papers.

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Online Catalog Headings

These and related materials may be found under the following headings in online catalogs.

Subject Terms

Baum family
Baum, Milford J., 1906-2006
First Flight Society
Flight--anniversaries

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Related Collections

Additional information on topics found in this collection may be found in the Manuscript and Archives Reference System (MARS): <http://mars.archives.ncdcr.gov/BasicSearch.aspx>.

See also:

33BOK-0-4299: Currituck Legacy: The Baum Family of North Carolina, by Elizabeth Baum Hanbury, 1985

33MSS-66: Baum Family Papers

Container List

Milford J. Baum Papers, 1897-2003 (2 boxes, 37 folders)

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Folder 1:2.6	Baum Family 50th Reunion Directory, 2002
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Folder 1:2.8	U. S. Army Certificate of Service and Separation Record for Milford Baum, 1946
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